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SERVICE MENS NEWS

PFC. THOS. ALMOND



J. Thos. Almond has received the following letter from his son, Pfc. Thomas Almond:

Yerres, France, May 22, 1945.

Hello Dad,

I will write you a short letter to tell you some of my experiences since I have been in France, to save a long story short.

I came to France D-Day plus 14. The soldiers were still falling near the beach. I was in a replacement depot for about a week. One day when I was guarding a road with a machine gun, a sergeant came with a list of names and told me I was going to the front.

The following afternoon we loaded on trucks and after a short ride we stopped for the night. The next morning we loaded up again. In about an hour we were at the front. There I was placed with the 35th Infantry Division. Our first objective was St. Lo. It was a tough and bloody battle. From there we went to Mortain and fought another major battle which was the worst one I was in. One afternoon while there my squad was walking along an old road and a German machine gun opened up. Two men in my squad were killed. The rest were wounded. Only my squad leader and I were left and we ran back to the first aid station under heavy machine gun fire and got some medical for the wounded. The next day we went back for a short rest.

On our next move we joined General Patton's Third Army and made a long move and started the drive on Paris. After Paris had fallen we started toward Metz and I was slightly wounded. I went back to the hospital for a few days. When I came back to the division they were in a rest area. We stayed there for about a week. One morning we were making an attack at 6 o'clock. The field artillery laid down an hour's barrage before the attack. A few minutes later I was hit again. They sent me back to the hospital and assigned me to the outfit I am now with about 600 miles behind the lines (ho ho) I have really seen it since then. I can write you a lot more than I have been because they have quit censoring the mail over here.

Best wishes, Tom.

John Lawson Woolbridge

With The 84th Engineer Aviation Battalion in Manila. Sergeant Sherman B. Hunter, son of Mrs. Myra Hunter, Gladstone, Va., recently completed 19 months overseas in the Southwest Pacific as a carpenter with the 84th Engineer Aviation Battalion. Sgt. Hunter was inducted into the Army Aug. 21, 1942. During Sgt. Hunter's overseas service he has participated in several major operations in New Guinea, New Britain, Netherlands East Indies, and the Philippine Islands. He is authorized to wear the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four battle stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

With Sixth Infantry Division in Luzon. Private First Class Charlie Mayberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry, of Spout Spring, Va., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal by the commanding general of the 6th Infantry Division for "meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese" on Luzon, P. I., from February 1 to April 3.

Cpl. Charlie W. Bryant, of Appomattox, served with the Combat Command of the 12th Armored Division of the Seventh Army during one of its toughest engagements at Wurzburg, southwestern Germany.

Claim Germans were perfecting cross-Atlantic V-bombs.

B-29's lay mines off Japan.

U. S. reveals loss of 1,554 cargo ships during war.

Hopkins reports to Truman on his trip to Moscow.

Eisenhower hailed in visit to London.

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WAR BONDS

County Schools To Go On 12 Year Plan

TO REQUIRE 5 YEARS FOR
HIGH SCHOOL COURSE

At the meeting of the Appomattox County School Board last week it was decided to increase the requirement of five years for high school graduation at the county's three high schools. The plan will begin with the 1945-46 session, but the class covered by the change will be that beginning high school work this fall.

This means that the county will have 12 years in its school system instead of eleven. Those already in high school will have an opportunity to take the five year course if they so desire.

Whereas most pupils now graduate at the age of 16 or 17, when this change is made, graduates will be 17 or 18. The curriculum will be enlarged so as to offer better training in fundamentals and vocational training more extensive than offered now. It is not anticipated that additional teachers will be required until the change has been in practice four years.

This decision by the local school board is in line with a movement rapidly gaining favor over the State. The greater attention being given to educational problems in Virginia has brought out a need of expanded vocational training. The need for thorough grounding in basic subjects has also been studied, and school officials are seeking to raise the standards of education in the Old Dominion.

Applications for mail ballots to be sent to those in the armed services are continuing to be sent in and it is urged that every possible effort be made to provide ballots to the armed forces. It is reported that the Fourth District marked up an excellent number of applications thus far, for the Democratic primary election in August.

PLANNING BOARD

W. C. Dudley, of the Appomattox County Planning Board, attended a regional post-war planning Tuesday in Farmville. Also attending from this county were E. E. Higgins, D. E. Pugh and W. C. Switzer.

BLOOD DONORS

A large group of volunteer Red Cross blood donors from this county will go to Charlottesville tomorrow to offer blood for the Red Cross blood bank. Judge Joel W. Flood is chairman of the committee arranging the trip.

WAR BOND SALES

A steady flow of bond sales has marked the past week's effort here in the 7th War Loan Drive, and Appomattox County is nearing its quota in all classifications.

LIONS CLUB MEETING

The Appomattox Lions Club will hold its regular meeting tonight.

FAMILY REUNION

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Caldwell met last Sunday, June 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Hubert Caldwell were joint hostesses.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert H. Caldwell and family, were Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Marshall and sons, Benjamin of Charleston, W. Va., and Lt. Douglas Marshall, A. F. C. Tuscon, Arizona.

Mrs. Joe L. Eversole and son, Clark Caldwell of Hazard, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Jones Caldwell and daughter, Joyce and son, Sterling Crawford of Lynchburg; Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Dean and daughters, Margaret and Martha of Bedford. The only absent members were: Joe L. Eversole and Hubert H. Caldwell, Jr., S. 1-C, U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.

This occasion was of special significance, being the birthday of Hubert Caldwell, and a farewell to Lt. Douglas Marshall, A. F. C., who is co-pilot on a B-29 and is expected overseas duty at once.

Congress debates terms of extension of OPA.



LONDON. Through the facilities of the United States Army Radio Service, four Virginians serving with the 104th U. S. Army General Hospital in England, broadcast home Friday, June 7. They are: (left to right) Col. Emmett V. Richardson, Chester, Va.; Major Charles F. James, Jr., Appomattox, Va.; Lt. Ellen M. Barb, Richmond, and Pfc. Cary N. Albiser, Mineral, Va.

HOW ABOUT A SHOWER
OF CARDS TO THIS
WOUNDED SOLDIER

Pfc. Murrell Ferguson, who was wounded recently at Jilo, has returned to the States and is recovering at Camp Pike. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ferguson, his parents, accompanied by David Ferguson, Mrs. Josie Ferguson and Raymond Jamerson, visited him Sunday. His parents have the Purple Heart Medal awarded him. We suggest that our readers shower this wounded soldier with cards. Mail them to Pfc. Richard M. Ferguson, 33357066, Ward C 10, U. S. General Hospital, Camp Pike, Va. Pfc. Ferguson celebrated his 19th birthday June 4. He says they had a nice birthday cake with 19 candles on it, and that the Red Cross had nice gifts for him.

Cpl. James O. Carter, who has been overseas two years, is home on furlough.

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